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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/764,010 Confirmation No. 8938  
Applicant : Eugene ALEXANDER et al.  
Filed : January 22, 2004  
Title : ASSESSING THE CONDITION OF A JOINT AND DEVISING  
TREATMENT  
TC/A.U. : 3737  
Examiner : William C. JUNG

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2005 for which a response period expiring on February 28, 2006, was set. The extended period expires on March 30, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the small entity 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 extension fee of \$60.00 to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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